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#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN.

##### Fifth Biennial or Tenth Anniversary of Organized Afro-American Womanhood.

The Fifth Biennial, or Tenth Anniversary of the National Association of Colored Women, recently in session in Detroit, Mich., July 9-14, was in every sense of the term a decided success. Two hundred and four delegates were registered and they represented states from the Atlantic on the East, to, and including, Utah on the West, and from the Gulf of Mexico on the South, to the Great Lakes on the North.

The entire convention was a grand object lesson of the progress of the Negro to the crowds of both races who attended the sessions; and the Detroit press had many excellent things to say, except from which will be given in succeeding issues of this paper.

By constitutional limitations, (two biennial terms) Mrs. Yates' term of office had expired and Mrs. Lucy Thurman of Jackson, Mich., was elected President for the ensuing term. The association conferred upon Mrs. Yates the honor of electing her Honorary President for life, with all the rights and privileges of the body, and further expressed its devotion and esteem in consequence of the great work she had accomplished in building up the organizations, by presenting her a beautifully inscribed, sterling silver loving cup. The eloquent presentation speech was made by Miss Anna Jones of Kansas City.

The National Association of Colored Women in 1901, when Mrs. Yates was elected President in Buffalo, consisted of five federated states and various local clubs; and had an enrollment of 10,000 women; it now has twenty-three federated states, clubs in thirty-seven of the states, an enrollment of 40,000 women; and by enactments of this last convention will now, through regularly appointed representatives, establish clubs in Canada and Africa, thus looking forward to international organization in the work of race elevation.

#### INDEPENDENCE NOTES.

Mrs. Nellie Clemmons of Denver, Colo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. William Dehoney.

Mrs. Estelle Moore of Kansas City is spending a few days in our city with her mother.

Mrs. Emma Salsberry of Kansas City was surprised Friday night by a number of friends from our city.

It is reported that Mr. W. Thompson is to marry soon. We wish him success.

Mrs. Mattie Webb and daughter left for her home in Lamar, Mo., accompanied by Miss M. Laws.

Prof. Chinn and wife will be in our city the 4th of August. They are always welcome.

Mrs. Copridge had Rev. Pitts arrested Wednesday morning for mistreating her daughter and I presume Miss P. P. went way back and sat down.

Rev. Winrow is expecting to have a picnic the 4th of August. Every one is invited to attend.

Rev. Robinson is still carrying on camp meeting at the A. M. E. church.

The band boys prepared a grand time here Thursday. They marched to the Grove where they were to have a picnic. Their music was excellent, but the rain overtook them so they went away back and set down.

You fought against your assistant teachers without a cause, that is why they were elected.

As soon as you have time subscribe for The Rising Son.



RT. REV. ABRAHAM GRANT.

The Distinguished Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District.

His Logical Ideas on the Negro Question.

"I do not admit that there is a race problem in America because out of our blood God made all of the earth." Thus declared Bishop Grant in an interview by a representative of the Son. "If that is true," continued the Bishop, "why should there be a race problem? There may be a national problem which concerns all people alike. In my opinion the whites are as much responsible for the existing conditions as are the colored people. In many instances it is a problem of prejudice. In the days of reconstruction we were told by every speaker that when the colored man became intelligent and in possession of real estate or property owner, there would be no difference between the races. With that understanding we have proceeded and now the 45 per cent of the illiteracy of the colored race has been removed and having become a tax-payer on 750,000 homes, we ought to see some signs of the promise. However, I believe that intelligence and character will remove it all regardless of the opposition. Darkness cannot stand before light. The bad cannot stand before the good. The unrighteous cannot stand before the righteous nor the unjust before the just. Each of us, however, should feel that the responsibility of bettering the condition is an individual matter—and whatever is necessary to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the white and black alike should be done by all concerned. We must live in the same country and it better be done in peace than in war. This is a constructive age we are living in and our people are building character and all sensible people who have read history know that to build character it takes centuries and not decades. The sensible men north and south in our country are aware of this fact, and they are guarding the interest of both the races in state as well as in church."

In speaking of the duty of the ministers and teachers the good Bishop said that they should give special attention to the moral character of the people in all communities and what-

ever they teach, they themselves should practice. "The home life of all the country should be well guarded and surrounded by the very best influence. For when the homes of the nation are lofty in character the people are also lofty in thought and character and when these conditions exist we can find a statesman in almost any home who will represent his constituency honestly."

Bishop Grant is regarded as one of the most practical of men in his exalted sphere. His personality betrays unusual vigor and ambition while his manner is unassuming and very congenial. The Bishop is president of the board of directors of the Douglas Hospital of Kansas City, Kansas, into which he has injected new life. "We are making several improvements on the old building," said the Bishop. "We are putting on an addition of six rooms also. This is the first institution of this kind that the A. M. E. Church has control of in the United States. It is a new experiment but it is one that ought to succeed and have support of all the people and we have no doubt that it will." The Bishop left for Washington and California on the 2d of August to attend his Western conferences.

#### NEGRESS GRADUATE IN ILLINOIS COLLEGE.

Among the graduates of the university of Illinois who will receive diplomas today in Champaign, Ill., will be Miss Maudell Tanner Brown, daughter of Prof. Charles H. Brown, principal of the Bancker school, St. Louis. Miss Brown will be the first negro girl to be graduated from this university, where she has made a remarkable record for scholarship. She has completed the regular four-year course in the department of literature and art in three years, besides taking an extra course in psychology, and ranks with the first ten in a class of 467.

The diploma will make her eligible to teach in any school in the state of Illinois. She is also a graduate of Sumner high school of this city, where she also completed a four-year course in three years, finishing with the highest honors of her class in June, 1903.

Besides being a scholar of unusual ability, Miss Brown is an accom-

plished pianist, having taken a thorough course in music under Prof. Kunkel. She has been quite successful as an instructor in music, but has chosen teaching as her vocation, and probably will accept a position in the St. Louis schools. St. Louis Globe.

Miss Brown has been visiting Midian Rosfield.

The seventh annual session of the National Negro Business League is to be held at Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 29, 30 and 31. The Atlanta Negro Business League is well organized and is at work maturing plans for the proper entertainment of the hundreds of visitors who are expected.

Reduced rates of one and one-third fare have already been secured from the Southeastern Passenger, the Trunk Line and the New England Passenger Association. Only one or two other lines to the far west are yet to concur in the arrangement.

The program promises to be, as all of the League programs are, devoted to an intelligent discussion of those features of business development wherein the Negro people of the country are making progress.

The Governor of the State of Georgia, the Mayor of the city of Atlanta and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce joined in the invitation asking that this session of the League be held at Atlanta, and everything will be done to make the visit of all who attend pleasant and satisfactory.

Information with regard to reduced rates may be secured from C. F. Adams, Transportation Agent, 934 S. St., N. W., Washington, D. C., or with regard to other matters connected with the coming meeting from the president Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

#### LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES.

Summer school classes, Aug. 9, attendance to date is 60. New catalog will be out this week. It will be the best illustrated catalog we have ever printed. Send for one.

No president in the history of the school has won the esteem and confidence of his faculty and students more than President Allen. Only this week, the class of 1906, surprised him by sending him one of their pictures enlarged and elegantly framed. On his return from his lecture tour in the East last year, the faculty presented him a silver loving cup.

It ought to be clear to the most obtuse mind that the people have the utmost confidence in Lincoln Institute, its president and faculty, or they would not give it such a liberal, generous patronage. The president and his secretary are kept busy all summer receiving and answering letters from persons who wish to send their children to Lincoln Institute.

#### WITH THE SAGES.

It is the law of good economy to make the best of everything.—John Ruskin.

An indiscreet good action is little better than a discreet mischief.—Bishop Hall.

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it.—Washington Irving.

Sorrow is sent for our instruction, just as we darken the cages of birds when we would teach them to sing.—Richter.

Virtue will be a kind of health and beauty and good habit of the soul; and vice will be a disease and deformity and sickness of it.—Plato.

Bread Vendors in Asia. Bread is sold from boxes strapped to donkeys in Asia Minor.

#### BY THE SCRIBBLER.

Spring fever is merely a seasonable name for laziness.

A woman's idea of economy is to have things charged.

He who runs may read—if he succeeds in catching his train.

An original girl is one who faints when no one is looking at her.

Even in a thorny path a man can avoid stepping on all the thorns.

It is easier for the average woman to make up her face than her mind.

Of course brains count—but they frequently get mixed up in their calculations.

Unless a man proposes he can never hope to attain perfection—so says the spinster.

When your turn comes and you must say something, say as little as possible.

When a mustache fails to tickle a woman it may be truly said that she has no sense of humor.

The nickel jingles as loudly in the contribution box as the \$5 gold piece—and much more frequently.

Men who are always telling you things for your own good mean well, but they are awfully tiresome.

If women realized that when they become disagreeable they also become ugly they would often try to be more agreeable.

Men have to be honest when they are poor; after they get rich they can afford to say, "in the name of God let's rob somebody."

When a Single Blessedness club woman offers an excuse for a love affair that "she felt so sorry for the man" the dear man had better feel sorry for himself and shy off.

A Chicago professor says that "bachelors are moral degenerates," and the old maids sing the doxology.—Kate Thysen Marr.

When we speak of a man as a well-known "character" it is frequently implied that he has none.

The condition of the president's leg being what it is office seekers should not be allowed to pull it.

Science has made great strides, but some of us have greater confidence in the poultices mother used to make.

Heartman (after strenuously striking a stranger on the back)—I beg your pardon, sir. I thought you were somebody else. Kindosick—That's all right, old man. Maybe you're right. I don't feel myself at all this morning.

#### SOME GOOD ADVICE.

The art of listening makes friends. He that listens is usually called intelligent.

The art of listening and the art of keeping silence are separate accomplishments.

The man most apt to succeed is he that knows how to listen and how to keep quiet.

The art of keeping silent is even more important than the art of listening, for it keeps a man out of trouble and makes it possible for him to go any distance in his particular line of effort.—Chicago American.

#### FROM "DR. NORTH."

Why is a cucumber cool?

He had not the outfit of our time.

Success covers a multitude of sins.

Genius is a freak of glad nature in good humor.

The principle of fly fishing, love making and advertising is the same.

To talk with a man about what he knows best is a sure way of pleasing him and of learning something your self.

Greatest Street Car City. New York beats the cities of the world in the length of its street railway tracks. If in one single track its surface, elevated and subway system would extend in a straight line for 1,618 miles.

Washington Foretold It.

A bit recently introduced in congress provides for the drainage of the great dismal swamp, of Virginia, thus fulfilling the prophecy made 100 years ago by Gen. Washington that some day the swamp would be converted into farm lands.—Farming.

#### THINK THE MATTER OVER.

In point of service, Countee Bros. is the oldest colored Undertaking and Funeral Directing firm in the city. In volume of business their trade is quite extensive. The people go to their place because of the courteous and gentlemanly bearing of the Countee Bros. and their employees.

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#### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A fond parent makes a foolish mentor.

Easy lies the head that wears a new bonnet.

Women preserve scandal in the acid of malice.

Birds that fly low are no game for sportsmen.

There's many a slip 'twixt the mustache and lip.

It is almost as hard to keep a friend as it is to lose an enemy.

The boy who chooses rich parents takes the first step to success.

A woman's face is her fortune, and her clothes her husband's misfortune.